	Agenda Item #	6
Regular Meeting	**Meeting Date**	30 April 2007
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	Approved By	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager

Discussion Item	Single Reading Ordinance Authorizing Execution of a Contract for Services for Ethan Allen Gateway Design Charrette
Background	The Ethan Allen Gateway - located at the intersection of New Hampshire Avenue and Ethan Allen - is the second largest of four commercial areas along the New Hampshire Corridor. To facilitate the redevelopment of this area, the Council authorized staff to solicit proposals for a charrette process which would result in the development of a clear vision for the area. Of the four firms that submitted proposals for the project, TND Planning Group substantially met the criteria selection developed for this project. As discussed at the April 23rd Council meeting, staff has interviewed the firm and found other clients to be well satisfied with their performance on similar projects. The project will allow the Council, working in partnership with the community, to clearly define a feasible development proposal for the Ethan Allen Gateway. The illustrated vision document and plans, developed during the charrette process, would be used to guide future development and to market the area to potential investors.
Policy	Council Priorities - New Hampshire Avenue Corridor • Conduct workshops for property and business owners and adjoining residential neighborhoods. • Market identified redevelopment opportunities to targeted developers. Takoma Park Master Plan 2000 • Prepare a concept study to address streetscape, lighting, intersection and pedestrian crossing improvements, curb cut locations, circulation, sidewalk continuity, pedestrian and bikeway access to nearby neighborhoods, and area business revitalization.
Fiscal Impact	There is currently $90,000 in funding set aside in the Housing and Community Development budget (#5400 - 6040) to offset the costs of securing development assistance for the proposed project. A portion of said funds may be reprogrammed for FY08 to accommodate the scheduling of the completion of the project.
Attachments	Ordinance authorizing execution of a contract for services for the Ethan Allen Gateway Design Charrette.

Recommendation	Adoption of the accompanying Ordinance authorizing execution of contract for services with TND Planning Group.
Special Consideration	

Introduced by: Single Reading

Ordinance # 2007 –

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT FOR SERVICES
FOR THE ETHAN ALLEN GATEWAY DESIGN CHARRETTE**

WHEREAS, the City Council selected as a priority the redevelopment and development of
New Hampshire Avenue which includes the commercial area at the intersection
of New Hampshire Avenue, Ethan Allen Avenue, and East-West Highway; AND

WHEREAS, a redevelopment plan for the intersection created with the full participation of the
community and other stakeholders through a charrette process, in combination
with a market and transportation feasibility study, will facilitate the process of
redevelopment of the commercial area; AND

WHEREAS, in accordance with City procurement procedures, staff solicited proposals for
charrette services for the redevelopment of the Ethan Allen Gateway and four
proposals were received; AND

WHEREAS, the City has budgeted funds in the amount of $90,000 for planning services
related to redevelopment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND THAT:**

SECTION 1. The proposal received from TND Planning Group to provide multi-disciplinary
services for Ethan Allen Gateway Charrette, in the amount of EIGHTY-NINE
THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED DOLLARS ($89,900), be accepted.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with Stuart Sirota
of TND PLANNING GROUP for the provision of multI-disciplinary services for
the Ethan Allen Gateway Charrette.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.

**Adopted by the Council of the City of Takoma Park this _____ day of _____, 2007, by
roll-call vote as follows:**

Aye:
Nay:
Absent:
Abstain: